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Reference to:

MILITARY ACTIVITY  
UCH-ARAL ARMY BARRACKS  
USSR

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED AT A  
SOVIET ARMY BARRACKS ON THE EAST EDGE OF  
UCH-ARAL, A TOWN NEAR THE USSR-CHINA BORDER.

2. LOCATION:

UCH-ARAL ARMY BARRACKS IS IN THE TURKESTAN  
MILITARY DISTRICT OF THE USSR. IT IS APPROX-  
IMATELY 66 NM WNW OF THE USSR CHINA BORDER  
AND THE TIELIEKETI AREA OF YUMIN COUNTY IN  
CHINA IT IS ALSO APPROXIMATELY 84 NM NW OF  
DRUZHBA ARMY BARRACKS AL-1 AT 46-09-30N 080-57-  
20E.

3. REMARKS:

WHEN OBSERVED IN THIS  
INSTALLATION CONSISTED OF SEVEN BARRACKS,  
THREE VEHICLE STORAGE BUILDINGS, ONE MESSHALL,  
NINE SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND ONE BUILDING UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION. NO ORDER OF BATTLE WAS DIS-  
CERNIBLE AT THAT TIME. ON THE PRESENT MISSION  
THIS INSTALLATION CONTAINS AN ADDITIONAL 45

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BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, 190 TENTS, A  
NEW HELICOPTER LANDING AREA, AND AT LEAST 220  
VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

IT IS NOTABLE THAT THIS INSTALLATION HAS INCREASED  
IN SIZE AND IN ORDER OF BATTLE DURING THE SAME  
TIME FRAME THAT DRUZHBA ARMY BARRACKS AL-1  
IN THE DZUNGARIAN GATE AREA DECREASED IN ORDER  
OF BATTLE

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4. COLLATERAL:

ON 13 AUG 69 THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT REPORTED  
THAT SOVIET FORCES CROSSED THE USSR CHINA  
BORDER IN THE TIELIEKETI AREA OF YUMIN COUNTY  
AND KILLED OR WOUNDED MANY CHINESE BORDER  
GUARDS ON PATROL DUTY.

THE SOVIET UNION, ON THE OTHER HAND, ACCUSED THE  
CHINESE OF INTRUDING ON RUSSIAN SOIL AND  
PROVOKING A CLASH IN ORDER TO MAKE PROPAGANDA  
FILMS TO BE SHOWN THROUGHOUT CHINA. MOVIE  
CAMERAS AND STILL CAMERAS WERE REPORTEDLY  
FOUND AFTER THE CHINESE HAD BEEN DRIVEN OFF.

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5. MISSION READOUT: THE SECURED INSTALLATION CONSISTS OF SEVEN BARRACKS, THREE VEHICLE STORAGE BUILDINGS, ONE MESSHALL, NINE SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND ONE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE INSTALLATION IS BEING EXPANDED. IMMEDIATELY NW OF THE BARRACKS ARE 16 BARRACKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, 29 BUILDING FOUNDATIONS, AND AT LEAST 20 LARGE AND 170 PYRAMIDAL TENTS. A NEW HELICOPTER LANDING AREA CONSISTING OF ELEVEN HARDSTANDS AND A SMALL LANDING PAD IS IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE BARRACKS. OB -AT LEAST 220 VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

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ENLARGEMENT FACTORS: 30X

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